



Weekly Information & Communication



January 11, 2016

Local Agency Conference Call February, 4th at 9:00am

This is a reminder of the upcoming LA conference call. Please make sure your calendars are marked. We would love for you to submit agenda topics for the call. Please [email Kate](#) if you have any ideas for topics to discuss or brief training you would like to take place. All conference calls will fall on the first Thursday of even months at 9:00 a.m. and generally last 60-90 minutes.

Reports Available

[Benefits Issued & Redeemed Report November 2015](#)

[Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Report December 2015](#)

[Participation Report December 2015](#)

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

Risk Code 427 Inappropriate Nutrition Practices for Women is defined as routine nutrition practices that may result in impaired nutrient status, disease, or health problems.

Some examples of when this code could be used include: a pregnant woman who takes in less than 27 mg a day of iron as a supplement; a non-pregnant woman who consumes less than 400 mcg of folic acid from fortified foods and/or supplements daily; a pregnant woman who eats hot dogs, luncheon meats, etc. unless reheated until steaming hot; a pregnant woman who eats soft cheeses such as feta, brie, blue veined cheeses, etc.; a pregnant woman eating raw or undercooked eggs or foods containing raw or lightly cooked eggs.... and many more! Please review the [attached guidance](#) for more details and justification.

Notifications for Missed Appointments

As you know, participants that miss an appointment receive an automated phone call or text reminding them about it. Sometimes a participant attends their appointment but is not issued benefits, such as if they are determined to be over-income. In this situation, M-SPIRIT does not know this appointment was kept, and will send a notification for a missed appointment. To avoid this, please check the "Update Kept" button in their appointment screen. View more information [online](#) including [instructions](#) on how to do it. We hope these will be infrequent, and thank you for taking the time.

Pump Orders

Please complete and send in the [breast pump order form](#) if you would like to order more breast pumps. We will continue to send out reminders about every quarter, but you may also order as needed. Submit your order via fax to (406) 444-0239 or email Dick at Rmichaelis@mt.gov.

Reminder: Two-way Link Infants and Mothers

Two-way linking a mother to her infant may require an extra step, but it is an important one. A properly linked mother and infant will ensure that the breastfeeding status changes affect both files and guarantee that both participants are included in participation counting. The types of participants listed below must be two-way linked to a mom or infant in order to be included in participation.

- A Fully Breastfeeding infant less than six months of age will only be counted if the child is two-way linked to the mom.
- Mothers of partially breastfeeding infants who are over six months old will continue to be counted if they are two-way linked to the infant.

For instructions on linking, please refer to the Training Videos on Moodle. (Session 4, Module 14)

Lactation Course at the Billings Clinic

Billings Clinic will be hosting a [Certified Lactation Specialist Course](#), June 20-24, 2016. Click the link to access more information about Lactation Education Consultants group, the course and registration. It's a great way to gain continuing education credits towards your CLC or IBCLC, 45 CERPS total. All are welcome to register!

Santa Fe Community College On-line Nutrition Courses

Santa Fe Community College in New Mexico is again offering on-line nutrition courses. The courses begin February 1, 2016. Please review [information on the courses](#), including texts and how to register. Gretchen Scott saves a few spaces for local agency WIC staff from several states.

Position Posting

The regional Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Office is recruiting for a Program Specialist position in Denver, CO. Please [check out the link](#) or pass along to others who may be interested.

New Dietary Guidelines for Americans

On January 7, 2016, the US Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture released the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Please visit the health.gov website to see the dietary guidelines.

Good Earth Egg Company Recall

Good Earth Egg Company, LLC of Bonne Terre, Missouri has announced a voluntary recall of its shell eggs because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

[Learn more](#) about this recall, market withdrawals and safety alert message.

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